

Rutherford County Library to Participate in International Big Library Read Program

Program makes popular eBook available to all patrons without waitlists or holds

(Spindale, NC) – March 16, 2015 – Rutherford County Library announced today that it will be taking part in the Big Library Read program. Library card holders will be able to borrow and read the autobiography eBook of *Shakespeare Saved My Life: Ten Years in Solitary with the Bard* by Laura Bates, starting midday Tuesday, March 17 and concluding at midnight on April 1 (U.S. EST) by visiting <http://ncdigital.lib.overdrive.com>. This is a riveting true-life tale of Shakespeare professor and prison volunteer Laura Bates as she teaches about the playwright in supermax solitary confinement, developing a friendship with a brilliant, dangerous convict. Patrons will be able to select a lending period of one, two, or three weeks, which begins at the date of checkout.

Big Library Read is an international program that gives libraries and library patrons unlimited simultaneous access to a popular title during the program dates, creating a virtual, global eBook club. Interested patrons will be able borrow *Shakespeare Saved My Life* using a valid library card, and read on all major computers and devices, including iPhone®, iPad®, Nook®, Android™ phones and tablets, and Kindle® without worrying about wait lists or holds. Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period, and best of all, there are no late fees!

The Big Library Read program is made possible through a partnership between OverDrive, the leading supplier of eBooks and more to libraries, and Sourcebooks, publisher of Laura Bates' autobiography. To borrow the eBook version of *Shakespeare Saved My Life* as part of Big Library Read, patrons can visit <http://ncdigital.lib.overdrive.com>.

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